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Clarksburg District Advisory Council Meeting; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Clarksburg District Advisory Council will hold a public meeting on Thursday, August 15, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at Eat'N Park Restaurant, 100 Tolley Street, Bridgeport, West Virginia, to discuss matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, write or call Mr. Thomas Tolan, Acting District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 168 West Main Street, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301, (304) 623-5631.

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Michael P. Novelli,

Director, Office of Advisory Council.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the United Arab Emirates

July 17, 1996.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

In accordance with the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), the current limits are being amended for certain textile products, produced or manufactured in the United Arab Emirates and exported during the period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996. In accordance with the ATC, these amended limits are based on the limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body. These limits are amended because the United Arab Emirates is now a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to amend the current limits for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996. Previous adjustments applied to the 1996 limits have been adjusted accordingly.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see Federal Register notice 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 61 FR 9982, published on March 12, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the ATC, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

July 17, 1996.

Commissioner of Customs,

Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on March 5, 1996, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the United Arab Emirates and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996.

Effective on July 23, 1996, you are directed, in accordance with the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), to increase the limits for the following categories:

Category	Amended twelve-month limit ¹
219	1,175,312 square meters.
226/313	2,009,814 square meters.
315	-0-
317	32,422,388 square meters.
326	1,897,268 square meters.
334/634	228,736 dozen.
335/635/835	157,146 dozen.
336/636	209,459 dozen.
338/339	624,450 dozen of which not more than 398,509 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S ² .
340/640	350,729 dozen.
341/641	321,604 dozen.
342/642	255,495 dozen.
347/348	463,877 dozen of which not more than 231,938 dozen shall be in Categories 347-T/348-T ³ .
351/651	183,636 dozen.
352	232,892 dozen.
361	-0-
363	6,324,225 numbers.
369-S ⁴	84,069 kilograms.
369-O ⁵	604,625 kilograms.
638/639	237,065 dozen.
647/648	343,321 dozen.
847	215,573 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995.

² Category 338-S: only HTS numbers 6103.22.0050, 6105.10.0010, 6105.10.0030, 6105.90.8010, 6109.10.0027, 6110.20.1025, 6110.20.2040, 6110.20.2065, 6110.90.9068, 6112.11.0030 and 6114.20.0005; Category 339-S: only HTS numbers 6104.22.0060, 6104.29.2049, 6106.10.0010, 6106.10.0030, 6106.90.2510, 6106.90.3010, 6109.10.0070, 6110.20.1030, 6110.20.2045, 6110.20.2075, 6110.90.9070, 6112.11.0040, 6114.20.0010 and 6117.90.9020.

³ Category 347-T: only HTS numbers 6103.19.2015, 6103.19.9020, 6103.22.0030, 6103.42.1020, 6103.42.1040, 6103.49.8010, 6112.11.0050, 6113.00.9038, 6203.19.1020, 6203.19.9020, 6203.22.3020, 6203.42.4005, 6203.42.4010, 6203.42.4015, 6203.42.4025, 6203.42.4035, 6203.42.4045, 6203.49.8020, 6210.40.9033, 6211.20.1520, 6211.20.3810 and 6211.32.0040; Category 348-T: only HTS numbers 6104.12.0030, 6104.19.8030, 6104.22.0040, 6104.29.2034, 6104.62.2010, 6104.62.2025, 6104.69.8022, 6112.11.0060, 6113.00.9042, 6117.90.9060, 6204.12.0030, 6204.19.8030, 6204.22.3040, 6204.29.4034, 6204.62.3000, 6204.62.4005, 6204.62.4010, 6204.62.4020, 6204.62.4030, 6204.62.4040, 6204.62.4050, 6204.69.6010, 6304.69.9010, 6210.50.9060, 6211.20.1550, 6211.20.6810, 6211.42.0030 and 6217.90.9050.

⁴ Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

⁵ Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except 6307.10.2005 (Category 369-S).

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).